

Mr. K. T. Mathew.—I beg to move for leave to introduce the "Cochin Free Compulsory Primary Education Bill."

Motion put and agreed to.

Bill to amend the Cochin Christian Succession Regulation VI of 1097.

President.—The next Bill stands in the name of Mr V. D. Ouseph.

Mr. V. D. Ouseph.—I beg to move for leave to introduce the 'Bill to amend the Cochin Christian Succession Regulation VI of 1097'.

Question put and agreed to.

Amendments to Standing Orders.

President.—The next item is amendments to Standing Orders.

Mr. K. T. Mathew.—Sir, I move the following amendment to Standing Order No. 37, *viz.*, to substitute the words "fifteen clear days" for the words "seven days". We find in Standing Order No. 37 (1) (i) that the report of a Select Committee should be made available for the use of the Members 7 days before the Council meeting. But in Standing Order No. 39 we find that 6 clear days' notice should be given for amendments. It will not be possible for Members if they get the report only 7 days before to give 6 days' notice of amendments. So, if we extend the time from 7 days to 15 clear days, it will be possible for Members to give 6 days' notice. This is the object of the amendment.

Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja.—On a point of information. There was a committee appointed to revise the Standing Orders.

President.—Does it refer to these points? The thing is the report is being considered. We are going to introduce it probably in the next meeting.

Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja.—Then I think it will be better to postpone the consideration of these amendments. Because all of them will come together and all these points can be discussed then and amendments brought.

Mr. K. T. Mathew.—Then I have no objection to postpone it.

President.—The report has been received and by the next meeting it will be introduced here. If these points are not included in the Government amendments, you can move them.

Mr. K. T. Mathew.—In that case I do not want to move. The following amendments of Mr. K. T. Mathew were not moved and were hence considered withdrawn:

1. To substitute the words "fifteen clear days" for the words "seven days" in Standing Order No. 37 (1) (i).
2. To substitute the words "the President" for the word "Gov-

ernment" standing between the words 'in such manner as' and "may determine" in Standing Order No. 66.

3. To delete the words "which have been introduced" standing between the words "Bills" and "shall be carried over" in Standing Order No. 4 (2) and insert there the words "for which leave to introduce has been given and has been published in the Government Gazette."

President.—We will take up resolutions after lunch.

The House rose for lunch at 2 p. m. and met again at 3 p. m. with the Deputy President in the Chair.

Resolutions on Matters of General Public Interest.

8. *Metre in Ernakulam and Mattancheri.*

Deputy President.—We will continue the discussion of resolution No. 8.

Dr. A. R. Menon.—Sir, I want the House to understand clearly that our object, far from giving trouble to the people of Ernakulam, is to be of help in the solution of this complex problem. It has become more complex owing to the dual authority over this water business. Before we could suggest any solution, it should be necessary to review the present state of affairs, so that we might suggest methods to rectify the existing difficult conditions. As the Secretary to the Diwan has answered yesterday, that the quantity of water that we are entitled to draw from Alwaye is only 900 thousand gallons of which $5\frac{1}{2}$ have been made use of at the time. Nearly 40 thousand gallons are given to Cochin. Tata and Railway together comes, I think, to 20 thousand. Altogether the people of Ernakulam now get 500 thousand gallons of water. Now, the population of Ernakulam, put roughly, will work out to 30 thousand, that is to say, per head of population the people of Ernakulam are entitled to get 15 gallons of water. The water given by the Bombay Corporation is only 9 gallons. Now there is no use of saying that water is not wasted at all either on the part of the Government or on the part of the public. I am satisfied, after making an enquiry yesterday, that water is being made use of for watering gardens.

Mr. P. Krishna Menon.—A point of information. From where does he get this 9 gallons for Bombay per head? It is 37 gallons per head.

Mr. Thomas Manjuran.—You are very very wrong.

Dr. A. R. Menon.—You may be all right.

Mr. P. Krishna Menon.—It is given in black and white here.

Bombay 37, Calcutta 62, London 43, Berlin 35, Madras 84, etc.

Dr. A. R. Menon.—But there is a great difference in quantity, as I shall show later on. Now water is being used